

THE LEDGER.

THURSDAY, NOV. 18, 1886.

NATURAL GAS.

Discovered Near Mexico on the Farm of John Bradley—A Rich Find.

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John Bradley, living northwest of Mexico, dug a well on his place about two years ago, and, upon reaching a depth of twelve feet, struck a quantity of living water, which supplied his farm, for all purposes, abundantly. Last week, however, the supply suddenly stopped, and, in a day the well became perfectly dry. Not caring to give up such a good thing so easily, and without a struggle, Mr. Bradley engaged "Uncle" Nathan Galtbreath, an experienced well-digger, to go a few feet deeper, and, if possible, renew his water supply. "Uncle" Nathan, as he is called, commenced his work last Wednesday a week ago, and after digging a foot, struck a small vein of coal. The news of his discovery soon spread, and on Thursday, a large number of the neighbors congregated about the well to see how it panned out. Nearly noon, Thursday, the man at the windlass heard a moan below, together with the cry, "Pull me up; pull me up." The man, John Hopkins, hastened to draw Mr. Galtbreath to the surface. When he reached the top, he was found to be in an insensible condition. After ten minutes, however, he recovered sufficiently to explain to the astonished lookers-on around the well, that he had struck a vein of gas, which, had he remained in the well ten minutes longer, would have suffocated him. Mr. Hopkins, who has also had considerable experience in digging wells, then volunteered to go down. After having been lowered about six feet, he asked to be hauled up, saying he could not stand it. The mystery now stands, the well 14 feet deep, perfectly dry, and so full of gas as to render further work impossible. A number of gentlemen from this city visited the well yesterday, and vouch for the story, while, we are informed, another party will go out to-morrow. Mr. Bradley will gladly show the well to any one who cares to see or examine it. It is thought by many that if the well was taken down to a great depth, a strong vein of natural gas would develop, so as to be used, as is the gas of Pennsylvania and Virginia.

J. Linn Ladd, formerly of Mexico, now resides in Mississippi. Dr. J. L. Gartrell has our thanks for late Louisville, Ky., papers. J. T. Nelson says the tax-payers are coming to the front better than usual. Rev. Sam Murray was in Mexico this week. He will preach here shortly. Judge J. F. Phillips' father and J. A. Guthrie's mother were brother and sister. Leonard Clement and Annie C. Barnes took out license to marry Nov. 12th. Quite a number of people call every day to see the relics found by Pete Matthews, west of town. I. N. Hathaway is summoned as a juror in the United States Court, beginning Monday, Nov. 15. T. J. Brown informs us that he was at Rush Hill on election day, but that he voted for Carter. I. Frank has opened a dry goods store in the building formerly occupied by Bridgford & Co. R. H. Randle, who has just returned from Nevada, Mo., says they had a four inch snow there on Friday. Dan K. Shields and other temperance speakers are on their way to Mexico to talk to the people. Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Barnett and Miss Hornett, both of this city, next week. The depot at Bowling Green was burned Thursday night. Harry Robinson, of Mexico, is building a new one.

The Vandana Leader wants to know "if the daily Ledger is not A No. 1 paper for a town the size of Mexico. Geo. Gill bought the property adjoining the Ledger office on the north from C. W. Baker, and sold it to Johnny Smith. The would-be Republican editor C. H. Holton, was in town Tuesday. He gets his board at Martinsburg—Laddonia Herald. The Misses Hazzard have opened a 5 and 10 cent store in the store room formerly occupied by the "Famous," south Washington street. L. H. Hightshoe, one of whose eyes was badly hurt by a flying chip some time ago, is improving, and it is to be hoped the sight may be preserved. The mint at Philadelphia is turning out \$3,000 a day of minor coins to meet a large demand which has recently sprung up, especially for nickels and pennies. A correspondent says that Joel Hayden, whom the Republicans ran for Prosecuting Attorney of this county, is not a Republican but a Democrat.—Laddonia Herald.

J. Virgil Williams, county clerk-elect, has purchased an elegant residence on Love street from J. B. James, between Wade and Water, to which he will move immediately. A new M. E. Church, South, is being erected ten miles southeast of Mexico, to be called "Grove's Chapel." It will be 32x40 with inclined floor, elegantly finished on the inside.

OPEN SESSION.

Union Meeting of the Cornelian and Polyhymian Societies.

The following is the programme of the open session of Cornelian and Polyhymian Societies to be held at Hardin College, Friday evening, Nov. 19, at 7:30 o'clock. Proceeds to assist in building the new Chapel:

1. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Armstrong.
2. Duet, "In Wilder's Hall," Misses Carrie Rogers and Mattie McDaniel.
3. Recitation, "Rivermouth Rocks," Miss Pearl Tucker.
4. Vocal solo, "Swinging," Miss Emma White.
5. Letter, "Miss Belle Fontenot," Answer to letter, Miss Leah Ashbury.
6. Vocal Duet, "Beautiful Moonlight," Misses Lora Popkins and Nellie Stadden.
7. Recitation, "How Perseus took Care of the Baby," Miss Lena Woodland.
8. Vocal Solo, "Fifth Nocturne," Laylaeth Miss Anna Jandun.
9. Paper, "College Chimes," Part I, Miss Snowdell Williams.
10. Part II.

1. Recitation, "Angels of Buena Vista," Miss Lillian George.
2. Vocal solo, "Radiant Eyes," Miss Hattie Paul.
3. Paper, "College Chimes," Part II, Miss Eunice Whiting.
4. Vocal Duet, "Golden Chimes of Happy Days," Misses Jennie and Mamie Hughes.
5. Recitation, "Mr. Bob White's Interview with a Book Agent," Miss Mattie Frost.
6. Vocal trio, "Three Little Maids from School," Misses Lillian George, Jennie Hitt, and Susan Lanes.
7. Dramatic person, Young Man, "Prof. Wm. F. Dam Mrs. Dix," Misses Lillian George, Jennie Hitt, and Susan Lanes.
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